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Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with a European Search Report dated December 10, 2002. Note that documents EP 0 668,689; US 5,452,098; and EP 0 840 494, listed in the European Search Report, were previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed November 27, 2002. Accordingly, they are not listed here.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

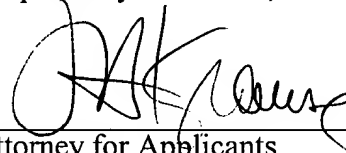
Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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